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LETTER DATED 7 AUGUST 1998 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to my letter dated 8 July 1998 (document S/1998/640) by which I forwarded to the Security Council, further to Paragraph 3 of Article 12 of the Statute of the International Tribunal for Rwanda, the nominations for judges of the Trial Chambers of that Tribunal which had been received from States Members of the United Nations within the thirty-day period specified in Article 12 (3) (b) of its Statute.

I also have the honour to refer to the letter, dated 15 July 1998 (document S/1998/646), of the former President of the Security Council, Mr. Sergey V. Lavrov, in which he informed me of the decision of the Security Council which was taken at its 3908th meeting on 15 July 1998 to agree to the suggestion which I had made in my letter of 8 July 1998 that the Council extend the deadline for nominations for judges of the Trial Chambers of the International Tribunal for Rwanda until 4 August 1998.

Pursuant to Paragraph 3 (c) of the Statute of the International Tribunal for Rwanda, I have the honour to forward to the Security Council the fourteen nominations for judges of the Trial Chambers of the Tribunal which have been received from States Members of the United Nations within the period specified in Paragraph 3 (b) of Article 12 of that Statute, as extended by the Security Council in the decision taken at its 3908th meeting. The list of candidates,* in alphabetical order, is annexed to this letter, together with the curricula vitae which have been provided in connection with their nominations.

In this connection, I would draw the attention of the Security Council to Paragraph 3 (c) of Article 12 of the Tribunal's Statute, which provides in relevant part as follows: "From the nominations received, the Security Council shall establish a list of not less than eighteen and not more than twenty-seven candidates, taking due account of the adequate representation on the International Tribunal for Rwanda of the principal legal systems of the world".

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* Circulated only to the members of the Security Council.

I would note that the number of candidates is short of the minimum number of eighteen which is required by Paragraph 3 (c) of Article 12 of the Statute.

(Signed) Kofi A. ANNAN